



BATTALION COMMANDER'S UPDATE

LTC MARK JOHNSON

Greetings to all our "Deep Strike" families and friends. With September now upon us we will hopefully begin to gradually see an end to the scorching heat that has characterized the last few months as we enter into the final few months of our deployment.

Our Soldiers – your husband or wife, your son or daughter, your brother or sister, your father or mother – have continued to serve with distinction, and remain mission-focused despite the daily challenges we all face. While I know there has been much written in newspapers and magazines, and much said on radio and television about the situation here in Iraq, know this – every one of our Soldiers continues to maintain an absolute resolve to accomplish the multitude and varied missions we face. Yes, the past month has seen a spike in the violence here, but rest assured that our Soldiers are equipped with all the latest and best equipment and gear to protect them, and have trained relentlessly (and continue to do so) on the skills and tasks required.

The Task Force itself has a variety of missions assigned that truly demonstrate the full-spectrum nature of the tasks at hand. Our ability to successfully tackle this disparate mission set are a true testament to the versatility of the organization as a whole – but perhaps more importantly demonstrate just what great Soldiers we have in our formations. Whether firing missiles to defeat Anti-Iraqi Forces in their ill-advised actions, manning guard towers, securing critical coalition facilities,

running multiple entry control points onto the installation or conducting mounted and dismounted patrols in the Baghdad environs, our Soldiers don't just accomplish the mission – they accomplish it with excellence. While many of our Soldiers find themselves doing things they never would have dreamed of doing in their particular career field, it's simply amazing to see how well mechanics do as crew-served weapons gunners, the skill our human resource Soldiers demonstrate as patrol leaders, or our logisticians show as basic combat Soldiers.

I know that there are many rumors, concerns or questions out there. Hopefully I can dispel or answer some of these.

Yes, it's true that an Army unit was extended here in Iraq (the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team out of Alaska will be here an additional four months). No, there is no discussion of our unit being extended – and I would be totally surprised were something of that nature to occur. While I will caveat things with the fact that "the enemy has a vote" (meaning that sometimes the best-laid plans are altered as a result of things beyond our control), I fully expect us to redeploy as planned.

When exactly will we return? I'll reiterate what I've said from the beginning of the deployment. We departed the first week of December...and we should be back by the first week of December. Yes, there should be some portions of the brigade that return by Thanksgiving, and yes there may be some of our Task Force that return by then as well – but it's far too premature to say that with any certainty, and even said should that occur there will most definitely be some (many, or all) who do not return until after Thanksgiving. The good news, however, is that we'll be home for Christmas (so start working on your lists).

Yes, the 4th Infantry Division will be moving to Fort Carson shortly after we redeploy (two of the Brigade Combat Teams will move there in the March time-

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frame). No, neither the Fires Brigade, nor the Task Force will move to Fort Carson – we'll stay at Fort Hood. Some select Soldiers may have the opportunity to move to Fort Carson depending on their specialty, their personal preference, and the Army's needs. There is not going to be an MLRS unit at Fort Carson, so even those Soldiers who have other than MLRS related type specialties will have limited opportunities to transfer to another unit that's moving to Fort Carson due to the limited needs of those "low-density MOS".

Yes, the 4th Infantry Division may deploy to Iraq again in the Fall of 2007. What does that mean for this Task Force? As mentioned in a previous installment of the Deep Strike Tribune, the Fires Brigade will redesignate to the 41st Fires Brigade in March and become a unit separate and distinct from the 4th Infantry Division – and thus not be a part of that deployment should it come to fruition. Will we deploy again at some other date in the future? Sure. When, and where – who knows. I'll say with certainty though that I would not expect to see us deploy anytime before 2008.

Although the bulk of the deployment is behind us, it's still not over yet. We may be able to see the light at the end of the tunnel, but there's still several miles of roadway that we must traverse before we emerge. I ask that everyone remains strong and focused during these last few months, for as Yogi Berra once said "*it ain't over 'til it's over*".

All that said, let me once again thank those of you on the homefront for bearing the burdens large and small during these past nine months. Thanks also for your support as we've answered the summons of the trumpet calling us to battle here in Iraq.

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WARRIOR SIX UPDATE

CPT MATTHEW CHILDERS



Greetings from Camp Liberty. It has been a couple of months since I have had the opportunity write to everyone and update you on our Soldiers. First I would like everyone to know that our Soldiers are doing an outstanding job. I could not be more impressed with the work our Soldiers are doing. Some of the work the Soldiers are doing is not as glorious or visible as others in the battalion. Many work in the Camp Liberty Area Defense Operation Center (ADOC) where they don't get to see the great things we are doing for the Iraqi people, but this job is critical to the mission the battalion is doing. There is a small group of Soldiers and NCOs that are getting a chance to help the Iraqis in our area where we conduct daily patrols. The HHS patrol team consist of SFC Yanez, SSG Simmons, SSG Melton, SGT Raymond, SGT Bishop, SGT Marr, SPC Warden, and SPC Panter. These men interact with the local Iraqis daily and provide medical attention plus security from the insurgents. This is the type of job every Soldier here in Iraq wishes they had! Interacting and providing assistance to the Iraqi people and seeing the results of one's hard work make this year long deployment with the Army worth the costs.

HHS also runs what I believe to be the most beneficial program the Army has developed to help the Iraqi people. 1LT Raymond and a few others in the battery oversee the Commander's Emergency Relief Program (CERP). This program provides assistance for relief projects ranging from improving sewers or drinking water systems to help alleviate the current electrical shortages. Currently 2-20 has multiple projects aimed at improving the drinking water conditions in our area, increasing the irrigation canals' flow rate for agriculture, helping address the lack of electricity for the Iraqis, and eliminating the trash and debris around Baghdad. All projects are also completed by the local Iraqis in the area. I can't think of any better program that is helping improve the living conditions of the Iraqi people while providing much needed jobs.

I would like to congratulate our newest First Lieutenant in the BN. During a small ceremony behind the Battalion Headquarters 2LT Raymond was pro-

moted to 1LT Raymond. This is a milestone in an officer's career when he moves from the rank of a 2LT that Soldiers don't know if he has been in the Army for a year or one day to a 1LT that has 18 months of leadership experience and development under his belt. 1LT Raymond has done an exceptional job while deployed and deserves every bit of this promotion.

Every Soldier in this battery has been working very hard but it has not stopped any from taking hundreds of hours of correspondence course and college classes to increase their promotion points. There are a few Soldiers over the past month or so that were able to increase their point total enough to earn promotion. SGT Marr received the call that he had made points while on mid-tour leave. SGT Marr was fortunate enough to share this great moment with his spouse while on mid-tour leave. CPT Burke held the ceremony and SGT Marr's wife was able to pin his SGT stripes on his patrol cap. I would also like to congratulate SPC Sale, the battery armorer, for making points for September's promotion. A ceremony was held on September 1st to promote SPC Sale to SGT Sale. I would also like to congratulate SPC Stallworth, our supply clerk, who was promoted to SPC on August 4th. This Soldier has put in numerous hours to get this promotion. He took a three-week GT improvement course to increase his score so that he would be eligible for promotion and to reenlist. As you see he improved his GT and was promoted the next month.

It has also been another great two months for reenlistments. HHS was proud to reenlist three Soldiers since July 1st. SSG Mahan decided to reenlist indefinitely. Even though he reenlisted earlier this year he was able to sign up until he retires. SSG Gauthier also made the final commitment to the Army. He too chose to make the Army a career for 20 years. After getting promoted to SPC, SPC Stallworth decided to re-up for an additional four years and a PCS move to Fort Eustis, VA.

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I would like to thank every spouse for the superb job everyone is doing back home. Our deployment is moving in to the home stretch but there are many questions out there about when we're coming home. I appreciate the continued talk between the Soldiers and the spouses. The Soldiers have the most up to date information on what is going on over here and when we are planned to come back. I know everyone has heard from others in the Fires Brigade that we are scheduled to leave somewhere around the middle of November. That might be true for some of us, but there are others that might not make it home before Thanksgiving. There are a few key Soldiers, NCOs and Officers that might have to stay back for a week or so to ensure our equipment is shipped home. The information on re-deployment will be sent out to everyone as soon as the commanders find out.

I am happy to say all Soldiers that originally deployed with the battalion have had the opportunity to go on mid-tour leave. HHS is even fortunate enough to send two Soldiers that were late deployers on leave in September. The light at the end of the tunnel is starting to appear for the Soldiers, but there is still much to do. I ask every spouse to be patient when it comes to our re-deployment schedule. The schedule will be sent out to all the FRG leaders as soon as it is known. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer with their kids or family. I wish everyone a great school year and a great next couple of months until we re-deploy.

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Second Lieutenant Raymond being administered the Officer's Oath by LTC Johnson and then presented a congratulatory certificate from the Secretary of the Army on his promotion to First Lieutenant.

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CPT Childers, 1LT Raymond (Left to Right) and 1LT Martinez (Far right) pose with some local nationals during a CERP (Commander's Emergency Relief Program) project. CERP projects help rebuild Iraqi local infrastructure and are an asset to the community.

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Greetings Family and Friends,

As summer draws to a close, and children begin heading back to school, we find ourselves in the last phase of our deployment. Although there is the excitement of being in the last phase, we stay focused. We'll always be ready to deliver precision fires or complete any mission we're given.

Aside from the important mission before us, the Soldiers find many ways to relax. Last month, we fielded a flag football team for the camp-wide Flag Football Tournament. We came in third; our only loss was to a team from Marine Special Operations. SGT Janda was unanimously voted the Renegade MVP by his peers. Towards the end of the month the Renegades will be gearing up for some revenge! The next camp-wide Flag Football Tournament starts soon. We won't settle for anything less than First Place. SGT Hernandez, however, was able to get some revenge for the rest of us. He competed in a basketball free-throw contest and beat out more than 50 other competitors. There were 4 rounds where the top 10, top 5, top 2, and champion advanced. In the final round, SGT Hernandez beat out an ex-collage basketball player. He received a trophy for his victory. Another event included the Camp 10k (about 6.2 miles) road race, in which SGT Robison, from the Headquarters Platoon, represented not only the Renegades, but the entire U.S. Army on the camp, as he was the only Army Soldier in a field of Marines. He took 11th place overall.

We continue to stay mission-focused, and every section in the battery plays a key role. If one section were non-mission-capable, it would hinder our operation. Because of this, many Soldiers have been working hard and may only see each other in passing. Well, this month we held a Battery Cohesion Day to get the Soldiers together for some fun and relaxation. After searching the Camp for the best location, we stumbled upon an "oasis in the desert" a swimming pool! Picture your backyard pool in the summer: shady

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CPT MICHAEL STUMP

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patio area with recliners and tables, hot stone pool decks, and the water tinted a light green (this one was a little dark green...don't ask), but this pool had a little extra decor. There were rolls of razor wire, concrete, and sandbags surrounding the entire pool area. The swimming pool was part of the compound during Saddam's regime and was rebuilt and opened for reservation. In a small walled-in area topped with razor wire, the Renegades were able to forget about the rigors of daily life by playing water polo, water dodgeball, and basketball. We were able to reserve the pool exclusively for the battery so Soldiers that were not involved in operations that day were able to participate. We will have more planned events in the future as missions allow.

Our surrounding living area has changed a bit from the last newsletter. More force protection has been emplaced around us; nothing short of security cameras and 12ft wall barriers to keep us safe. Talk about protecting a valuable asset! Also, our Marine neighbors have moved, so now the shower trailers and gym are less crowded, and belong exclusively to the Renegades. Without another unit active around us, you become very aware of your surroundings when making the long walk to the showers under the cover of the night. Sometimes, you walk to the showers and your only source of light in the absolute darkness, other than your small red lens flashlight, is the occasional illumination flare in the sky. At other times the only noises that break the stillness are small bursts of machine gun fire, or a loud explosion off in the distance. This reminds us we're in a combat zone.

This solitude also enables to focus on our mission and Soldier development. As always, we continue to facilitate the promotion of our most capable Soldiers and NCOs. Almost every month you have heard about multiple promotions; this month is no exception, as two Renegades were promoted at the beginning of the month. Launcher Section Chief SGT Lenahan was promoted to Staff Sergeant, and Training Room Clerk,

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SPC Lee was promoted to Sergeant. Congratulations to both of these Non-Commissioned Officers, and from all the NCOs in the Renegade Battery, welcome to the NCO Corps SGT Lee!

As we all know, every Soldier's job is inherently dangerous. If we're not keeping our heads up watching for the enemy, we're looking out for each other in our day to day tasks. The 4th Infantry Division Unit of the Quarter Safety Streamer and the 4th Infantry Division Commander's Quarterly Special Safety Award are awarded to units that pass through the quarter without any accidents or safety incidents. I am proud to say that your Soldiers were the recipients of BOTH awards for the last quarter.

In addition to unit awards and recognition, Soldiers took the opportunity to pursue individual achievements. The prestigious Sergeant Audie Murphy Club is an organization that recognizes the top 5-10% of NCOs across the Army. In order to be a member, you first have to be recommended by your chain of command. Next, you have to successfully complete a minimum of two selection boards. Across the entire Army there are about 3,000 members. We are proud to say that the Renegades have four members in the battery. Our three new hopefuls for this year are Staff Sergeants Gomez, Weeks, and Zatarain. These three Staff Sergeants have demonstrated excellence in their profession and each endured several hours of grilling by Audie Murphy members 1SG Stone, SFC LaSalle, SSG Gordon, and SSG Lenahan on topics such as leadership, Soldier care, and training. All three have been selected to move to the next board at the Brigade level in September.

Each month we recognize one outstanding Soldier or NCO from the Battery. This month, we recognize SGT John McDowney from the Support Platoon. His Platoon Sergeant, SFC LaSalle, describes him with clarity:

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SGT McDowney is assigned to the Support Platoon as an Ammunition Assistant Section Chief. SGT McDowney and his wife, Sherry, recently welcomed their fifth child into the world. This family is truly blessed to have such a caring and nurturing relationship. Mrs. McDowney has handled the home front issues, which at times were extremely difficult, along with assisting the battery Family Readiness group as the treasurer. SGT McDowney, while deployed, has continuously mentored and coached many young Soldiers through his leadership. He constantly trains and teaches his Soldiers in their military occupational specialty. He also encourages civilian and military education by ensuring they are enrolled in the army distance



SGT McDowney (far right) poses with his Section, (from left to right), SPC Paddock, PFC Lyons, SPC Prevette, and PFC Polston.

learning programs and affording them the time to complete courses. SGT McDowney is highly dedicated, and I am very proud to serve with him.

As you may have heard, SGT Janda suffered burns in an accident while refueling the Operations Center Power Generator. His injuries, although not life threatening, were serious enough for higher level medical care. He has been taken to Brook Army Medical

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Center where he is being treated. SGT Janda, if you are reading this now, we continue to pray for a fast recovery, and we are all thinking of you and your family.

Family and Friends, the apprehension and excitement begins to settle in as thoughts of home are around the corner. Continue to be safe and take care of yourselves, and as the Soldiers have constantly been reminded in this last phase of the deployment "don't sprint too early to the finish line!"

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SGT Hernandez shows off his Basketball trophy.

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SGT Lenahan is promoted to SSG while to the right SPC Lee awaits to be pinned SGT.



Alpha stands ready for another mission!

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Alpha Battery's newly awarded Safety Streamer is a tribute to the efforts of the Renegade Soldiers when it comes to safety.



Renegade Soldiers enjoy the new bus. An upgrade to the 2007 model.

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Private First Class Johnson and May provide security overwatch for their fellow comrades while on guard duty.



The boundaries Renegade Soldiers help to protect is commonly referred to by those on Camp Fallujah as "the Wire."

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BLACK KNIGHT SIX UPDATE

CPT JOHN HOSEY



On a hot, clear day on Camp Liberty, Iraq, the 148 Soldiers assigned to Team Black Knight continue to conduct themselves in a superlative manner. They strive for success in everything they do here in Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07 and continue to produce tremendous results.

With the tough mission here in Iraq, the wheels of time are spinning quickly and the Black Knights coming home is right around the corner now. While the Black Knights here in Iraq chatter and joke about what they are going to do the first few days coming home, do not fret, when it comes time to step up and conduct a mission that is their sole focus, whether it be to provide aid to an injured Iraqi boy, or talk to a local leader in the Deep Strike area of operations.

I am proud to be the battery commander of these outstanding Soldiers. No matter what the big Army has asked them to do here in Operation Iraqi Freedom 05-07, whether it be to fire guided munitions from up to 70km away or conduct patrols outside Baghdad International Airport battle space, they have answered the call by exceeding the standard. Because of their work ethic and initiative, many of these fine Soldiers have started to reap the fruits of their labor. The Black Knights have seen many promotions within the past month and a half with several Private First Classes making Specialist, such as the following: SPC Hildring, SPC Tomasik, SPC Rodriguez, SPC Molina, SPC Brunner, SPC Walkington, SPC Moore, SPC Korthof, SPC Carusetta, SPC Jennett, SPC Combs and SPC Johnson. We also had several Specialists show innate drive and initiative and earn the rank of Sergeant: SGT Sizemore, SGT Jackson, SGT Williams, and on the first of September SGT Nicholas. Two Team Black Knight Soldiers have earned special recognition. SPC Spinks outshined all other Soldiers in the battalion, by winning the Soldier of the Month board for August; and SPC Brunner was chosen out of his battalion peers to be CSM Morrissey's driver. SFC Waskosky, from our attached Outlaws (2-136 Combined Arms Battalion) was commended by a Colonel for his patrol brief, saying it was the best one he has heard.

Not only have we had a lot of recognition and promotions, but many of our enlisted Black Knights have made the decision to continue their outstanding service to the Army, such as SSG Mayle, SSG Young, and PFC Pierzina. Even though I have only mentioned a few of the members of Team Black Knight, all the Soldiers have done a superlative job.

Team Black Knight has had a few additions since our last article. Bravo Battery has had an addition with SPC and Mrs. Molina having a baby boy, Eduardo Nicholas Molina. SPC Walkington was married on June 30, 2006 to the former Toni Exposito and is a welcomed addition the Black Knight Family. Bravo CRT has had an addition with SSG and Mrs. Hoffman having a baby boy, Allen Jeffery Hoffman, Jr. Finally, from the Team Black Knight, Warrior attachment SSG and Mrs. Melton had a baby girl, Sawyer Amber Melton.

Now I would like to take a minute to discuss what is near and dear to all of our hearts; returning home. It has been a long almost nine months, and everyone is anxious to see their loved ones. What I ask out of all the Black Knights, whether that is part of the team back in the United States, or the portion that is deployed here to Iraq, is patience. I know with the impending return, the nervousness is rising, and it will be at its peak during the return home ceremony. Again what I ask for is patience. I ask that every Black Knight, Soldier and family alike take an extra few seconds to consider the needs and feelings of your battle buddy to your left and right; and we will all be better and happier for it.

I appreciate all the hard work that everyone is doing.

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Task Force Deep Strike Commander LTC Johnson promotes Specialist Jackson and Williams to the rank of Sergeant.



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(Above) LTC Johnson says some words before Private First Class Moore and Brunner are promoted to the rank of Specialist. (Below) Specialist Moore returns a salute to Bravo Battery Commander CPT Hosey after he pins on his newly acquired rank.



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CRAZY HORSE UPDATE

CPT ANDREW MACK



Greetings again to our families and friends from the Crazy Horse team in sunny Iraq. We're beating the heat and have made it through the worst parts of this summer season's high temperatures; however, we know that all of our families back in Texas have also endured a scorching summer and we're glad the temperatures will, for the most part, be falling below triple digits. We're also excited because we're under 100 days from redeployment. We understand (and hope that you understand) that our exact flight details and return dates are not yet established and will not be "set in stone" for a while. We are excited, as you are, about finishing up our last couple of months and heading home to all of you.

Camp Liberty continues to keep us busy, as do our A-CRT missions out at west. The Crazy Horse FSC is split into several smaller teams in support of security & logistical missions; however, we are all still linked in and performing tasks for Task Force 2-20 FA "Deep Strike"... that relationship will not change, even when we return to Fort Hood. Our security missions keep us on the front lines and vigilant. A few of our teams still conduct mounted & dismounted combat patrols, while several other teams provide guard tower and security support. Our logistic support teams keep us combat ready and in the fight. From maintenance repair missions to delivering crucial water supplies, Crazy Horse Soldiers keep providing combat services and support for the Deep Strike team. Both security and support tasks are vital to the Task Force; I am very proud of our team's accomplishments... we've evolved into a combat proven team that compliments the Deep Strike Battalion regardless the mission.

Some of our teams, as I stated, perform combat patrol functions here in Baghdad. As I've stated before, all of our teams that go "outside the wire" into Baghdad are highly trained and equipped with the proper gear (contrary to some media reports of units with "sub-standard" equipment). I recently rode out on a few missions with one of our FSC combat patrols

known as The Crazy Train. They are geared up and ready for missions 24 hours a day. The NCO leaders are seasoned combat veterans, many of them having over 20 months of combat experience. The Crazy Train's newest troops are very well trained; they have the benefit of learning from the team's NCO's as well as expanding their own skills from this deployment's earlier months of combat logistic convoys. Their patrol missions range from clearing the roadways of potential hazards, setting up security checkpoints, and interacting with local Iraqis to maintain a security presence in our area. Some of their missions include the monitoring of mosques or areas suspected of criminal or terrorist activities.

Again, Crazy Horse Soldiers worked hard and got promoted in August and September. Promotions from PV2 to PFC include PFC's Calvi-Rodriguez, Erler, Fink, Beckum, Hewitt, Love, McDonald, and Lopez. Promotions from PFC to SPC include Becker, Perry, Larsen, McIntosh, Sutherland, Drier, Gai, Hightower, Kilafwasru, Tovar, Atkinson, and Marrero. Also, we laterally promoted one of our Crazy Train



SGT Williams smiles and holds up a Deep Strike coin after reenlisting in a ceremony earlier this month.

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CRAZY HORSE UPDATE

CPT ANDREW MACK



combat patrol Soldiers from Specialist to Corporal; congratulations to CPL Paz and his entry into the NCO Corps.

Even with reenlistment bonuses disappearing for the next couple of months, we managed to get a few folks set up with contracts under the wire. Thank you SGT Charles Williams, SPC Molina, SPC Haynes, and SPC Lacroix for choosing to “stay Army” and help the team out; your efforts and contributions do not go unnoticed. We’ll be waiting for that bonus window to open back up before we head back from the sandbox.

Congratulations to a few of our Soldiers who were recognized by the Task Force for their work and efforts. 1LT Martinez and SSG Woods both received the Army Achievement Medal from LTC Johnson for their outstanding work in moving all of our Soldiers and equipment to Baghdad. Also, SSG Adams, SGT Self, and SPC Behrens were recently recognized as the Task Force Heroes of the Week for their exceptional work in our motor pool; they received coins and certificates from the Task Force Commander for going above

and beyond the call of duty when repairing some of our mission critical trucks that assisted in combat operations in Baghdad. Great job by these Crazy Horse teammates!

We have less than 100 days until our window for redeployment. We’re very excited and can’t wait to get back home; however, we also remember that the next 80 days will be tough... we will remain vigilant and will finish our missions strong, the same way that we have diligently pressed on throughout this entire deployment. I would urge everyone at home to also remember we are not finished with our missions until we get on the planes to come home. Please be patient as we work our plan to get home; we will keep everyone informed as best we can. As I always tell you (and it’s never enough), thanks for your prayers and constant support... you should remain proud of our team, both here and at home. May God bless and keep you, always.

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Crazy Horse Commander CPT Mack pins PV2 Fink's patrol cap with new PFC rank.

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CRAZY HORSE LIFE



Crazy Train leaders (From left to right) 1LT Martinez, SSG Terga and SSG Aguirre.



SPC Kilafwasru takes a ride on the crazy train.

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SPC Panico and an interpreter on a mission.



Crazy Train patrol on the hunt!

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REAR DETACHMENT

CPT COLIN BURKE



It has been a long deployment but there is now a light at the end of the tunnel. As the Soldiers begin planning for their redeployment so should their families. The FRG and the Rear Detachment are scheduling various events for all families to make the transition as smooth as possible. We will be holding a Battalion Potluck on September 23rd at the Iron Horse Readiness Center on Fort Hood. At this event we will be constructing banners, ribbons and other welcome home activities. I hope to see you there at 11:00 am.

Reunion Training is also set up on multiple dates for families to attend. What is Reunion Training? It is a set of interactive classes and briefings for families designed to ease the transition when their Soldiers return home. While at Reunion Training families will receive information from Finance, Family Advocacy, Chaplains, and various other agencies on post. Here is what we have planned for the Fires Brigade:

| Date | Time | Location | Remarks |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| September 16th | 10:00am – 1:00pm | Building # 280 | For children |
| September 25th | 9:00am – 2:00pm | Lane Volunteer Center | |
| October 4th | 6:00pm – 8:00pm | 25th Street Chapel | 6:30pm-7:30pm for children |
| October 24th | 9:00am – 2:00pm | 25th Street Chapel | |



In a ceremony last month Rear Detachment Commander CPT Burke reenlists SFC Itturegui indefinite. SFC Itturegui serves as the Rear Detachment First Sergeant.

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REAR DETACHMENT

MANDY PIERCE



Greetings, Everyone!

Tick, tick, tick... Well, we just have a quarter of the deployment left and the countdown is on! We all seem to have had our short-term goals that have helped us come this far, but the start of school has put most of us back into a routine after such a crazy summer. Is it me, or do any other parents feel like they have homework now, too? School projects, activities and field trips will surely continue to keep most of us quite busy. Of course, we cannot forget the kids who will be playing sports this Fall which means lots of practices and games... moms, start your engines! Labor Day is right around the corner, and then before we know it the younger kids will be dressing up for Halloween. The older ones may be dressing up, too... its hard to pass up free candy! And, Halloween means colder weather! We all feel badly about complaining about the endless weeks of 100+ degree weather here in Killeen when our Soldiers are experiencing much higher temperatures, but we are really ready for that first cold front to come through! Rain at this point would surely be welcomed as well!

The FRG groups have been very busy and are gearing up for our last battalion-wide gathering. We are planning a potluck which will be held at the Iron Horse Readiness Center on September 23rd. There are quite a few ladies who are very talented in the kitchen, so we always have a great spread of yummy treats. Besides socializing, we will be making welcome home banners for the battalion, and each family member will have a final opportunity to videotape a message to their Soldier. Each battery FRG, of course, has also been busy making special welcome home plans for the Soldiers in their units. We are all so happy to finally be planning these activities because we know that we have almost made it, and we will soon be reunited with our loved one. It is difficult to find the right words that will express how proud we are of each one of you – just know that you are our heroes and we love you. Keep up the great work and come home safely!

Sincerely,
Mandy Pierce
Battalion FRG Advisor

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TASK FORCE DEEP STRIKE REENLISTMENT HEROES

JULY-AUGUST 2006

| HHS Battery | B Battery | 67th FSC |
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| SSG Jerry Mahan | SSG Robert Young | SSG Carlos Coleman |
| SPC Jason Stallworth | SGT Joshua Turner | SGT Charles Williams |
| | SGT Jesus Avila | SPC Benjamin Lacroix |
| | SPC Jesse Pierzina | SPC Jason Haynes |
| | | SPC Stephen Molina |

WARRIOR REENLISTMENTS



CPT Khan reenlists SSG Mahan indefinite.

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WARRIOR REENLISTMENTS



(Above) CPT Wilkerson reenlists SPC Stallworth for four years. (Below) SPC Stallworth poses in front of HHS Headquarters with his NCOIC SGT Willis.



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BLACK KNIGHTS REENLISTMENTS



CPT Hosey reenlists SSG Young for six years.



1LT Kraft reenlists SPC Pierzina for six years.

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CRAZY HORSE REENLISTMENTS



CPT Mack reenlists SSG Coleman indefinite.



CPT Mack reenlists SGT Williams for six years.

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CRAZY HORSE REENLISTMENTS



1LT Foth reenlists SPC Molina for three years.



CPT Mack reenlists SPC Lacroix for five years.

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